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1. ANGOLA: KISSINGER'S FEB. 3 SAN FRANCISCO STATEMENT WAS GIVEN TOP FRONT-PAGE PLAY IN FEB. 4 "O DIA." HEADLINE WAS "AMERICAN CAPITULATION IN ANGOLA IN FACE OF SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION"; "KISSINGER HOLDS CONGRESS RESPONSIBLE FOR WASHINGTON'S IMPOTENCE." "O DIA" LEAD READ: "A SPECTACULAR TURNABOUT BY U.S. AND ZAIRAN AUTHORITIES, ANNOUNCED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND IN KINSHASA, WILL HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE OF ANGOLA, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN LUANDA CERTAINLY WILL GREATLY BENEFIT IN OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL
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RECOGNITION...." FEB. 4 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" BURIES FRANCE

PRESSE REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON STATEMENT UNDER SMALL HEADLINE, "ANGOLA, AN ISSUE SETTLED, IN KISSINGER'S VIEW." FRONT-PAGE ANALYSIS IN FEB. 2 "A LUTA" BY MIGUEL SOUSA TAVARES CRITICIZED ALL "SUPERPOWER INTERVENTION" IN ANGOLA. HE WROTE: "TO CONDEMN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA (SIMPLY) IS PART OF AN OVERALL POLICY OF NONINTERVENTION. BUT TO CRY OVER THE SOVIET-CUBAN MILITARY VICTORY, ONCE IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, IS TO FORGET THAT THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A VICTORY FOR AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, OR PERHAPS -- WORSE YET* -- A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO GIANTS. WE MUST NOW STRUGGLE, ALONG WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, TO SEE THAT THIS INTERVENTION CEASES THERE. AND TO INSURE THAT ANGOLA DOES NOT BECOME A MERE SOVIET SATELLITE."

2. THE AZORES: MEDIA GAVE MAJOR PLAY TO SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES' FEB. 3 AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON RETURN FROM THE AZORES AND U.S. REPORTS QUOTED SOARES AS CALLING AZOREAN SEPARATISTS A VERY SMALL FAR-RIGHT MINORITY WHO SEEK TO MOVE PEOPLE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE THROUGH PROVOCATION AND DOMINATION OF THE LOCAL MEDIA; SOARES SAID THAT IF THERE WERE MINIMAL, DIRECT ACTION BY SECURITY FORCES THE WHOLE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT WOULD DISAPPEAR. HE SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED PASSIVE ATTITUDE OF POLICE AT FEB. 2 SOCIALIST RALLY IN PONTA DELGADA WHICH WAS MARRED BY SEPARATIST INCIDENTS. HEADLINE ON LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" COVERAGE FEB. 2 FROM THE AZORES WAS "SOARES ON TERCEIRA ISLAND: 'NOT EVEN THE AMERICAN FAVOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE AZOREANS'." SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER (CDS) LEADER GEN. GALVAO DE MELO EXPRESSED NEGATIVE VIEW TOWARD INDEPENDENCE DURING HIS VISIT TO AZORES THIS WEEK. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW, HE SAID: "I AM NOT ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO WANT INDEPENDENCE," AND, "INDEPENDENCE WOULD BRING ONLY DISADVANTAGES FOR THE AZORES." GALVAO DE MELO DID SUPPORT PROPOSAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY FOR REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE QUESTION.

3. MOYNIHAN: CONSIDERABLE MEDIA PLAY ON MOYNIHAN'S RESIGNATION EMPHASIZED UNCONCEALED THIRD WORLD PLEASURE. NEARLY ALL REPORTS MENTIONED SPECULATION THAT SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK MIGHT REPLACE HIM AT UN. FEB. 4 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" REPORT FROM MANILA QUOTED PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FRONT LEADERS AS SAYING MOYNIHAN'S RESIGNATION WAS "GOOD NEWS"; PAPER'S HEADLINE WAS "MOYNIHAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIGNATION PLEASES THIRD WORLD." LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" OF FEB. 3 HEADLINED ITS REPORT, "THE UNITED NATIONS' 'COWBOY' RESIGNS."

4. U.S. MILITARY AID: WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS OF SENATE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR 50 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL WAS GIVEN MODERATE NEWS PLAY IN JAN. 31 PAPERS.

5. CIA: "A LUTA" OF JAN. 31 PUBLISHED UNSIGNED COMMENTARY WHICH CONTRASTED WITH USUAL PORTUGUESE PRESS ARTICLES ON CIA IN THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS NOT TO LIST NAMES OF ALLEGED AGENTS IN PORTUGAL OR TO CREATE AN AURA OF HIGH-LEVEL COVERT CIA ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY. THE "A LUTA" ARTICLE INSTEAD SOUGHT TO DEBUNK THE RUMOR MILL. IT SAID, "IN FACT, THE GREAT CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CIA COMES FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS AND FROM MANY AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, WITHOUT THEIR MAKING CLEAR THE FACT THAT THE U.S. HAS OTHER SECRET SERVICES AND ESPIONAGE AGENCIES WHICH WORK SECRETLY. PERHAPS THE OBJECTIVE OF ALL OF THIS PROCESS IS TO CREATE A SET OF FALSE OPERATIONS WHICH WILL HELP TO DESTROY THE TRUE ENEMIES -- WHILE THE REAL SECRET SERVICES ARE CARRIED OUT TOTALLY UNNOTICED."

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